the number of such telephone exchanges which are yet to start functioning; and

the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Details of telephone exchanges sanctioned, commissioned and yet to be commissioned by BSNL and MTNL during the last three years are as follows:

	Sanctioned	Commissioned	Yet to be commissioned
BSNL	4936	5424	Nil
MTNL	109	98	11

(d) Non-availability of equipment and other infrastructures.

Completion of Undersea Cable Venture

1614. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

whether Singapore Telecom Limited jointly agreed to built undersea cable venture which will carry voice and data traffic from India to Singapore with MTNL;

whether under this project India will be able to move on south East Asia. Middle East Western Europe and U.S.A.; and

if so, by when the project is likely to be completely start functioning'.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There is no such agreement between Singapore Telecom and MTNL.

(b) and (c) Not applicable in view' of reply at (a) above.

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†l6l5. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA'. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to stale:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi